

The New Year

There is something very heartening about the New Year, and peculiarly Christian. It is a time for beginning all over again, of new resolve, a time for leaving behind our failures and disappointments; and this is the center of the Christian idea.

God seems to be the only one who will always give us another chance. Even our beloved country, as powerful and good as she is, appears to have no place now for once disloyal sons and daughters who have repented and want a new chance. But men have always been so with other men: suspicious, unyielding, hard, unforgiving. This is because the sinned against is equally as great a sinner.

But God is pure and gracious and perfectly kind, and His actions are never bitter, nor characterized by rancor or littleness. With Him tomorrow is always a new day, and out of the abundant mercy of His infinitely compassionate heart, He is ready to forgive His wayward children.

As the New Year comes on, let us remember this and go to Him with a fresh resolve to love Him and serve Him with pure devotion. Let us also remember that we regularly ground our petition for forgiveness as follows: ". . . and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

—from North Avenue Presbyterian Church News

Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given,
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.

—Martin Luther

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What Is Christian Relations?

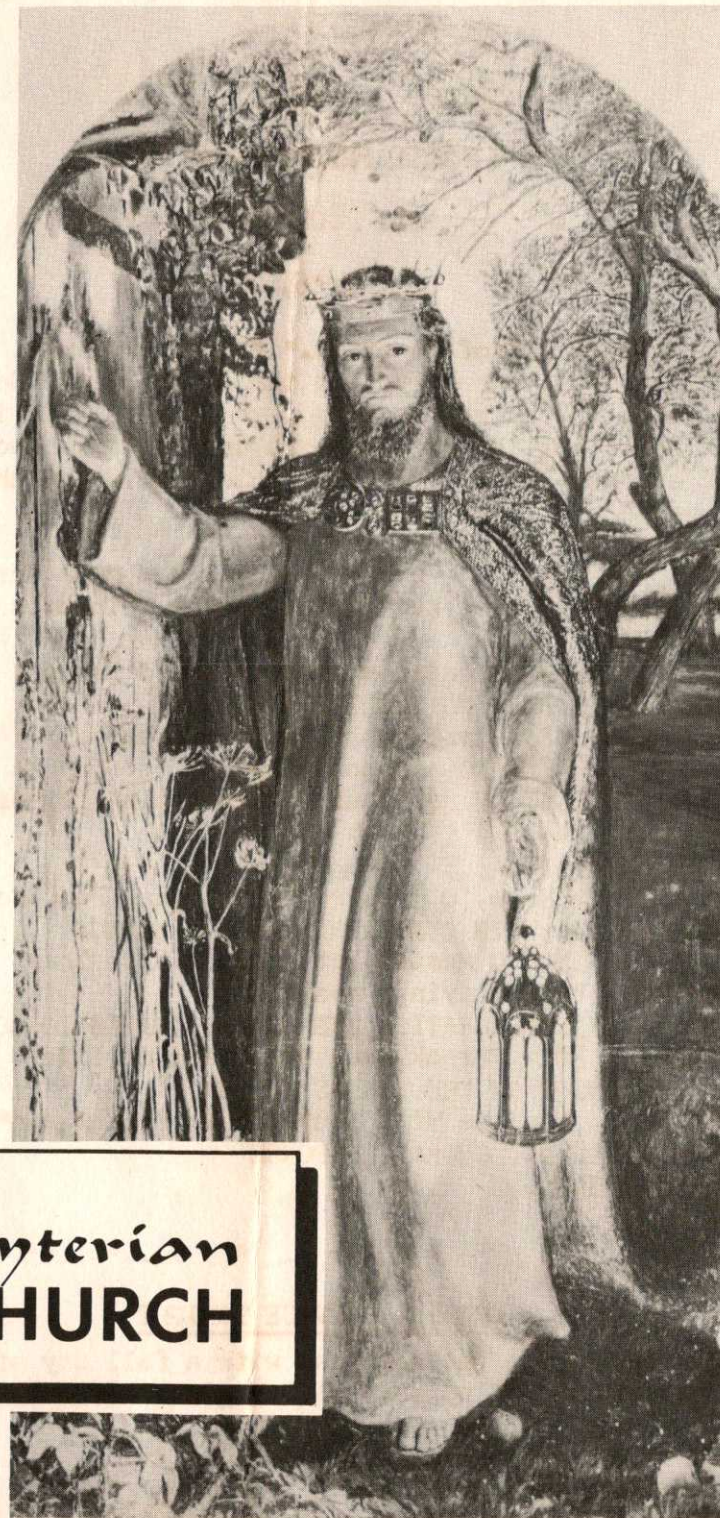
Each year, as they have thought more and more seriously about the problems of living as Christians in a complex society, Presbyterians have placed more stress on *Christian relations* in dealing with other people.

Living as a Christian is always the individual's problem. But determining the Christian approach to today's problems is also the concern of the Church as a whole. To think through these problems and the Church's proper attitude to each, the General Assembly has created a Council on Christian Relations. Each year it presents a major study to the Assembly on such things as marriage following divorce, racial relations, and juvenile delinquency. When the Assembly has approved a study, it is passed on to congregations and individuals, hoping that prayerful attention to it will help the individual in the difficult phases of his daily Christian living.

By recommendation of the Council on Christian Relations, the Assembly has asked that the entire Church study the matter of Christian Citizenship during 1957. But to provide a special period for study of this and other problems of Christian relations, January 1-31 has been set aside as Christian Relations Season. May we pray that God will lead us to see what is required of us in living as true Christians.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S.

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" Drink all of ye of it." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day"

PRELUDE Miss Gertrude Goodson
CALL TO WORSHIP Led by the Pastor - in unison

*DOXOLOGY

*INVOCATION - (Closing with the Lord's Prayer)

RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 32

*HYMN 437 "Safely Through Another Week"

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:15-69

ORGAN MEDITATION (Let us bow in silent prayer)

MORNING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 382 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face"

WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*MEMORY HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

SERMON "Find Living Bread"

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN 381 "Break Thou The Bread Of Life"

COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 449 "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

*INVITATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT

Let us begin the new year with a full day of worship. The second hour of worship will begin at 7:30 P.M. Vespers.

COMMUNION THOUGHT - O God; as I bow in meditation and seek fellowship with thee, let the bread and the wine help me to remember how Jesus Christ made it possible for me to claim such close relationship with Thee.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 this evening. Everyone is urged to attend this first meeting of the new year.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Women of the Church will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. in the home of Mrs. Lina Crumpton. Installation of the new officers will be on the order of business and reports of officers and chairmen will be given.

COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE MEN OF THE CHURCH will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. in the pastors home.

WELCOME INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF OUR CHURCH. During the closing hours of 1956, a special watch night service was held in the manse for the purpose of receiving into the membership of our church Jackie David Mattox, who came on profession of his faith and baptism. We welcome Jackie into the work and worship of Aimwell Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.

Prayer meeting will be held in the Ellen D. Goodson Fellowship Building on Thursday evening - 7:30 P.M.

MRS. RUTH HILLHOUSE from the Board of Women's Work will meet with the Women of the Church for an officers training class on Thursday January 10 at the home of Mrs. C. B. Kelly.

SICKNESS HAS COME TO RIDGEWAY - Let us remember all of our friends who are sick. Surely our town has suffered from all kinds of sickness in recent days. When you hear of sickness please love your pastor enough to notify him of it as quickly as possible.